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The Insurance Plan

The Hospitalization and Insurance Plan which has been available to the people in the Lewiston Bleachery for almost a year, and which is now offered to the people in the Biddeford mill, is one of the newest types of insurance.

There are other insurance plans which at a low cost, provide hospital attention. That is, this kind covers the cost of a bed, in a ward or room in a hospital for a certain length of time. But this new plan which is presented to Biddeford, not only includes the cost of hospital attention, but it also covers the cost of surgical fees, and special fees up to the designated amounts. In this respect it is far advanced over the usual type of hospital insurance.

Your company made a thorough survey of all kinds of insurance of this sort that could be obtained, and after considering all of them carefully, decided that the surgical and hospitalization plan offered the most to each person for the lowest cost. If each individual were to try to get all this information, it would have taken a great deal of time, and because of the nature of the insurance, it couldn't have been offered to single persons. The great advantage of it is that it groups together a large number of people under one plan, thereby reducing the cost to each person, and making the most possible benefits available.

There are other reasons why insurance that covers a large group of people can provide benefits that are greater than if it covered only one or a few persons. For instance, in taking out this insurance, if it is decided to take it out right away, when hundreds of other people will do the same, then no physical examination is necessary. Another advantage is that because the cost of the insurance is the same for each person taking it out, nineteen cents a week, it can be paid for weekly, and can be deducted from each person's weekly check. This makes it easy to pay for, and makes each payment just as small as possible.

Your company believes that this type of insurance not only can be of great help, but that it provides a real service at a very low cost.

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Mill Manager

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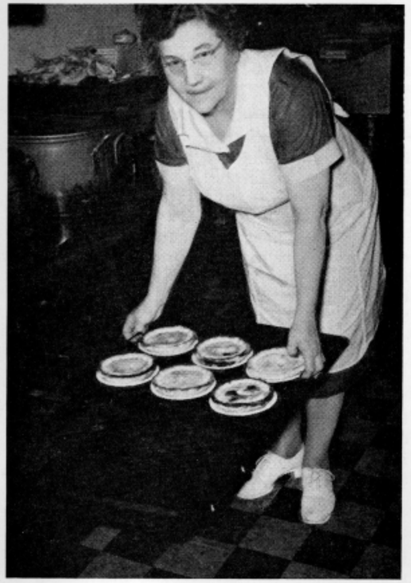


Eunice Evely, one of the cooks at the Fall River Mill cafeteria, takes out a half dozen salmon pies, crisp and brown and full of fish. These are sold at popular prices in the cafeteria, and in the mill canteen.

THE FRONT COVER

On the right of the front cover is Michael James Jacobois, Jr., born January 27, 1941, in Central Maine General Hospital, Lewiston, under the guidance of Dr. Garde Twaddle. On the left is his proud mother who, under the insurance plan, had a good part of the cost of an abnormal delivery paid by the insurance. She says, "I think insurance of this kind ought to be pretty nearly compulsory." Mrs. Jacobois was a stitcher in the Bleachery, one of the fastest, and she worked there seven years. *(See Pages 3, 4, 5 and 18).*

FALL RIVER EATS WELL AT MILL CAFETERIA

Fine Food at Low Prices Served to Any Employees

John T. Peck, chef in the cafeteria kitchen at Fall River, gets the french fries ready for the noon meal. Between 40 and 110 people are served here at each meal, and prices are very low.

Elizabeth Murphy cuts a piece of strawberry cream pie, getting ready for the twelve o'clock meal at the Fall River cafeteria. Meals are served at ten in the morning and at noon.

CHANGES AND ADDITIONS TO BIDDEFORD PLANT

Recondition Drawing In Sheeting Division

An order has been issued to recondition the Drawing in the Sheeting Division to support three of the Whitin and two of the Saco Lowell frames with the installation of cork top rolls to replace the metallic. This will include the Drawing to support the Peeress production.

Large Package Shuttles For Weave Room 10-2

Large package shuttles are to be put on 44 of the looms in room 10-2. Similar type work has been done in other weave rooms of the Sheeting Division.

New Trucks For Sheeting Cloth Room

Thirty-five trucks are to be made for use in the Sheeting Cloth Room, to handle the large rolls. These trucks will be used to convey the rolls from the Shearers to the Tandem Inspecting machines and then to the shipping room. (See Page 28).

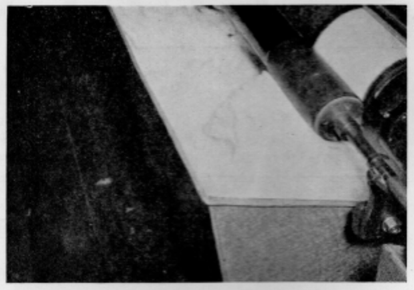
Three Frames Moved To Room 15-5

Moving machinery orders have been issued to relocate two spinning frames from room 55A to 15-5, and one twister from room 14-5 to 15-5. These frames will be converted into winders to handle the additional production in the Blanket departments.

Surplus Equipment Sold

Fifty high speed warper beams, 54 inches between heads, and 5,000 used eight inch filling bobbins have been sold. Another type beam and bobbin is now being used, which places the original equipment as surplus.

One of the crew that has been setting up machinery in the new Peeress unit in Biddeford is Roy E. Morgan, shown installing one of the cards. This new unit is already in part operation, with some of the new combers in production.



The bin holds short fibers combed out of sliver in the process of manufacturing Pepperell Peeress Sheets. The removal of these short fibers is what makes the difference between the fine texture of combed percale as against carded percale.

Card Room Frames Revamped

Three 144 spindle, 8x4 frames are to be changed to Whitin super draft and two 144 spindle, 8x4 frames are to be changed to Saco Lowell, J-3 long draft roving. These frames are to be used in the Sheeting Division. (See Pages 12 and 13).

Additional Screen Section For Blanket Pickers

In rearranging the Pickers in No.15 mill, a number eleven screen section is to be added to the department. This will provide additional cleaning to the material on entering the Pickers. This additional equipment is for the Blanket Division.

Heat Controls For Storage Mills

Temperature controls are in the process of being installed in buildings 17-18-19-20-36. These controls will automatically regulate the amount of heat to enter these buildings.

Blending Feeders For Peeress Sheets

Three Whitin, 1941 Blending Feeders have been purchased and are to be installed in room 21-A. These are to be used in connection with producing the Peeress Sheetings. (See Pages 12 and 13).

More Frames For Blanket Core Yarn Work

Six 176 spindle, 7x3½ frames have been purchased for use in room 15-5. They will be used in core yarn work for the Blanket Division.

One good leg is worth a whole pile of crutches.

BIDDEFORD EMPLOYEES OFFERED HOSPITAL AND SURGICAL INSURANCE PLAN AT COST OF NINETEEN CENTS A WEEK.

Same Plan in Operation at Lewiston for About a Year.

The Group Hospitalization and Surgical Benefit Plan which has recently been offered to employees of the Biddeford Mill is one of the first plans of its kind that has been presented anywhere in the country. By making available to any employee, without a physical examination, benefits which will pay $3.50 a day for up to 31 days for time in the hospital, up to $75.00 for surgical costs, and up to $17.50 for special fees, such as X-ray and laboratory, at a cost of only nineteen cents a week, the insurance provides protection which has not been offered before at such a low cost.

This plan, which is completely outlined in the pamphlet which every person in the Biddeford Mill has received, has been in effect in the Lewiston Bleachery for nearly a year. At the present time a large percentage of the people in the Bleachery now have the insurance, and they are paying for it merely by having the nineteen cents deducted weekly from their pay checks. Since the plan has been in operation in Lewiston, 46 people have benefited from its provisions, that is, 46 people have had their hospital, surgical or special fee bills paid by the insurance company because they were included in the plan,—and keep in mind there are only about half as many employees at Lewiston as there are at Biddeford. The largest claim that has been paid at Lewiston is $176.00, and this was for a person who was in the hospital for the full 31 days allowed under the plan. The smallest payment was for $5.00 and covered the removal of a fistula, with treatments being done in the doctor's office. The average insurance payment made in each of the 46 cases was $75.00 and of course this covered hospital, surgical and other expenses as outlined in the pamphlet which has been distributed.

QUICK FACTS ABOUT THE INSURANCE PLAN

The Cost—Only nineteen cents a week.

The Hospital Benefits—Up to 31 days in any hospital at cost of $3.50 a day—except for obstetrical, which is 14 days.

The Surgical Benefits—Up to $75 for any surgical attention, according to scale in booklet.

The Special Fee Benefits—Up to $17.50 for X-ray, delivery room and other special fees as described in the booklet.

Who Can Join — Anyone employed in the Biddeford Mill.

There is no medical examination if you join right away.

You don't have to be at work when accident or sickness happens to get benefits.

Insurance covers costs of corrective operations for illnesses or disorders.

Read your booklet for all details.

"We were in an automobile when another car hit us, and I was cut on the forehead. They had to take four stitches." Christine La Fontaine, packer in the Lewiston Sheet Factory had treatments and attention resulting from this accident paid for under the insurance plan. She says, "The insurance certainly came in very handy."

Benefits For Any Ailments Or Accident

The benefits of this insurance are not merely paid in cases of accidents, or when a person is hurt at work. They are paid whenever a person requires hospital or surgical attention for *any ailment or accident* that may have happened either right at the present time, or at any time in the past, except of course in cases of industrial accidents which are already covered by compensation insurance.

Most of the people who have benefited from the plan in Lewiston are those who have had disorders that needed to be corrected. By referring to the

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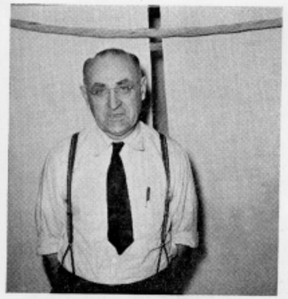

Peter Vaillancourt, foreman of No. 2 Napping Room in Lewiston, is now having treatments in the doctor's office for removal of a fistula, and this comes under the insurance plan which he now has. When treatments are completed, all he will have to do is to file a claim under the surgical benefits of the insurance, and the claim will be paid by the insurance company.

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pages in the pamphlet, which you now have, that describe the types of surgical fees, it is possible to see how many greatly different types of disorders are covered. For instance, if a person has known for a long time that it was necessary to have his or her tonsils removed, this can be done under the plan if the person is insured. If a person has had a hernia, it is possible to have an operation whenever the person desires, and to have it covered by the payments under this insurance plan. If a pregnant woman is to have a baby delivered, the insurance covers the cost of the hospital at $3.50 a day up to fourteen days, delivery room charges, and the delivery charge up to $50.00.

If medical attention is necessary, and no surgical fees are involved, the insurance takes care of paying for the time in the hospital, up to 31 days, at a room rate of $3.50 a day. If the person desires any doctor's surgical attention and does not want or need to go to a hospital, the insurance takes care of the surgical fee, whether the attention is given in the patient's home or the doctor's office, or in the out-patient department of the hospital.

Read the Pamphlet Carefully

The pamphlet which has been distributed describes all those who are eligible to take out this insurance, and there are practically no exceptions, either because of age, length of time employed, or for any other reason. It is important to note that no physical examination is necessary for those who take out the insurance right at the time the plan is first offered. If, however, after the time limit is up, and a person wants to take out the insurance, it will then be necessary to have a medical examination. For instance, all those in Lewiston, when the plan was first announced, who took out the insurance, didn't have to have any examination. Now, however, any people who are not in the plan in Lewiston, if they want the insurance, will have to have a medical examination. It is well worth while to join the plan right at the beginning, and to get the great advantage of not having to be examined.

How the Plan Works

This is the way the plan works. When you have received your pamphlet, and have read it over completely and decided to become insured, all you have to do is to fill out the application card which you have received. If by any chance you have misplaced the card, just ask for another. Then give the card to your overseer in the Mill. Within a short time you will be notified that your insurance is in effect, and you will receive an insurance policy. Then if you are required at any time while you are paying for the insurance to go to the hospital, or to have any surgical attention, just take your policy with you when you enter the hospital, and it will be accepted as your ability to pay for the attention you require. It will also help if you will notify Mr. Black that you are going to the hospital.

After you have been discharged from the hospital, you will receive a bill from them, and possibly from the surgeon. You then take this to Mr. Black, who will make arrangements to have a check given to you to cover the costs which are included under the insurance. You then use this check to pay the hospital for the bill which you received from them. It's as simple as that.

All Questions To Be Explained

On other pages of this issue, you will see photographs of people in Lewiston who have benefited under exactly this same plan, and you can read their opinions of it. If there are any questions that you want to ask, be sure to speak to your overseer and he will do his best to answer them. If he cannot give you the information you want, there will be a representative of the insurance company at the Mill to answer all questions, and to make any explanations that are required.

Because of the provisions of the insurance, it is necessary that if the plan is to be effective for any one person, a total of 75% of those employed in the Biddeford Mill must take part in it. It is easy to see that the liberal benefits require a large number of people to make it work out. If 75% of the people in Biddeford do not take part in the plan, then no one person can have the insurance. For that reason it is important that all who decide to take out the insurance return their application cards just as quickly as possible, so that the quota of 1,800 people in Biddeford can be reached, and thus make the benefits available to all those who want them. (See also page 18).

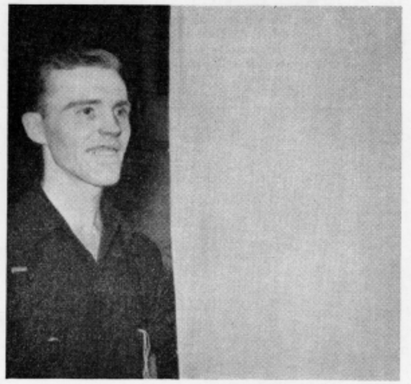
THESE PEOPLE HAVE RECEIVED BENEFITS

Anita Fournier, of the Lewiston Office, says, "I didn't like the operation but I certainly appreciated having the insurance."

Louise Corriveau, who works in the supply room of the Sheet Factory in Lewiston, says about her insurance, "I went into it when it was first offered, and I wouldn't think of letting it go. I had an abscess removed and the insurance plan will pay $45.00 for the operation."

"Words can't express what it meant to me," Melba Fields of the Lewiston Office says about the insurance which enabled her to go to the hospital for ten days. She thinks that it is great.

Mrs. Bernadette Deschene, billing clerk in the Lewiston Office, says, "Originally I didn't want to take out the insurance because I felt it cost too much. But now I'm glad I did. I had chronic trouble with my neck, and I had already been to the hospital and knew how much it cost. I was again in the hospital for ten days, under the insurance plan, and I'm certainly glad I haven't any bills hanging over me for the last visit."



Armand Vaillancourt, who works in the Lewiston No. 2 Napping Room, had a fistula removed under the insurance plan. His claim was the smallest paid, but he had the work done in the Doctor's office, didn't have any lost time, and he says, "I certainly can't complain of what it has done for me."

THE PROVENCHERS ARE PROUD OF THEIR HOME— THEY PUT A LOT OF TIME AND WORK INTO IT

Mr. Charles Provencher, Robert, and Mrs. Hermanche Provencher, in the living room of their fine new home at 52 Granite Street, Biddeford. They planned carefully every detail of the house and they now enjoy all the comforts of their own home. Mrs. Provencher is a Battery Hand in Biddeford Sheeting Weaving.

Robert and Mr. Provencher raid their fine new electric icebox as Mrs. Provencher catches them at the job. Their home is equipped with the most modern appliances and beautifully decorated.

Arranging flowers in her large living room, 24 x 11 ft., Mrs. Provencher takes a deep interest in the neat and attractive appearance of her own home.

"A HOME OF THEIR OWN" IS NOW A REALITY FOR MR. AND MRS. C. PROVENCHER

Mrs. Provencher Is Battery Hand In Biddeford Mill

Most people who live in the city would like to live in the country. In a city such as Biddeford few people realize the great advantage that is offered to them, for "the country" is only a few minutes walk from the very heart of the city, and it offers an ideal place to live. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Provencher know this, and they have done something about it. Mrs. Provencher, who is a battery hand in Biddeford Sheeting Weaving Department, explains that they had long dreamed of building their own house. Now they have a fine place at 52 Granite Street in Biddeford.

Arranged Their Own Floor Plan

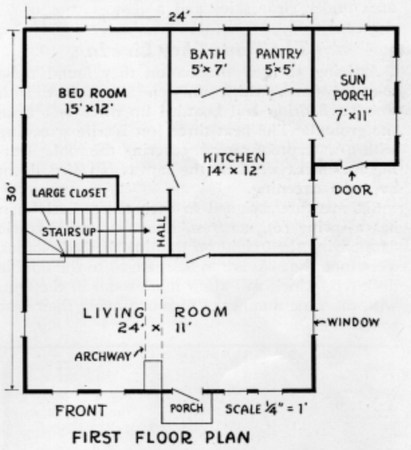
The Provenchers lived in the center of the city for six years, but they always had in the back of their minds, a nice little house just outside the city. They thought it over a long time, saved their money, and finally found a lot of land that was just what they wanted. Meanwhile they had looked at plans for a lot of houses, visited a great many and looked them over. They secured plans from one of the building supply dealers in Biddeford, changed them by moving a room here, adding one there, and arrived at just what they wanted.

All Modern Appointments

It took five months from the time they bought the land to the time they decided on just the kind of house they wanted. Now with an attractive house built on a lot of land 53 x 135 feet, with a living room in the house 24 x 11 feet, with large bedrooms, a modern kitchen and bath, a sun porch, and plenty of room for expanding their house, they have just what they wanted. Mr. Provencher did all the painting and the plumbing. They use an oil burner in the kitchen stove for cooking and heating, and they have all modern electrical appliances, such as a refrigerator, electric beater, radio, and many other things. Mrs. Provencher has selected ideal decorations for the house, has fine curtains, pictures and attractive rugs. In the house with their son Robert who is in the 5th grade of St. Andre's School, and their nephew Fred King, who is in Biddeford High School, they have a home that is their own. Mrs. Provencher estimates that the cost of paying for this new house is slightly less than they paid in rent for a four room flat in the center of town, and of course, they're getting a lot for their money, for the payments toward the cost of the house are actually making the house theirs.

Mrs. Provencher was born in St. Nazaire, came to Biddeford when she was three years old and has lived here since. Her father is Eugene Nadeau who has spent a good deal of time in Canada and in Biddeford.

In the modern kitchen beautifully equipped, Mrs. Provencher gets ready to bake a cake with her electric mixer doing the hard work. The neat cabinets in the kitchen keep everything in the right place.



FIRST FLOOR PLAN

This is the first floor plan of the Provencher home at 52 Granite Street. It shows the dimensions of the entire house and of each room—shows how compactly everything is arranged.

THE BOYS AT CAMP BLANDING WORK HARD AND ENJOY ALL OF IT

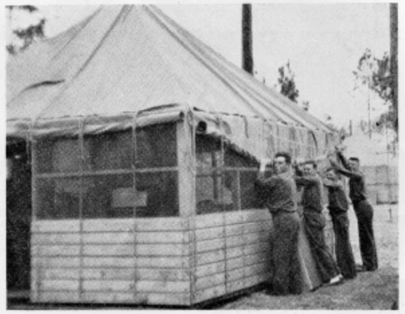
Company A of Biddeford Settles Down to Rigorous Program of Training

After an uneventful trip from Maine to Camp Blanding, the boys in Company A of Biddeford have settled down to a year's intensive training. On arriving at the Camp about 9:00 o'clock in the morning the men hiked about two miles to their area under clear skies and a temperature of 75 degrees.

The Tents They Live In

Arriving at their destination they found these so-called tents, which are ten feet square with wooden flooring and boarded up three feet from the ground. The next three feet is wire screening with a waterproof canvas, covering the roof. During inclement weather, the canvas is rolled down over the screening.

Six men are assigned to each tent. Each man has a spring cot, mattress, linen, etc. with Uncle Sam paying the freight on washing the bed clothes. Very soon the beds are to be changed to the double deck type which will allow more room in the tent, with the same number of men occupying their year round home.



Four Biddeford men performing a regular duty each morning about 7 o'clock. They are rolling up the side of their tent. Left to right, they are, Corp. Pagean, Corp. Parenteau, Sgt. Ledoux and Sgt. Romeo.

Yes sir, here he is, our own Walter Hood, who left our office employ to go to Camp Blanding, Fla., and climb the ladder of success. He was on "roof duty" as the General went by.

All Order No. 1 on Breakfast Menu

After following out their daily programs these boys get pretty hungry and consume plenty of food. The menu is prepared on the basis of calories and energy producing food to form a well-balanced diet. Not one man has ever complained about the "groceries", and why should he, for here's what they have for breakfast. A hot or cold cereal, different fruit juice every morning, each man a half pint of milk, ham or bacon and eggs, sausage, toast, coffee or cocoa.

Chow has become modernized and even the bean growers have protested. The Army and beans have fought for generations. Very few times are these served in our new camps. Dinner may consist of fish, beef, a vegetable side dish, cold lemonade and a pudding selected for vitamin content. Supper is governed a lot by the weather but may consist of salads, tea, coffee or milk.

Kitchen Mechanics Are Local Men

But who prepares the food? Four kitchen mechanics from Biddeford led by First Cook Lionel Bertrand, who was employed in the spinning department. The other three cooks in ranking order are: Paul Demeule, Walter Trafton and "Kiki" Stanley, famed boxer who likes his cooking well enough to have gained eight pounds. These boys go to night cooking school.

The kitchen is inspected every morning by a doctor. Cleanliness is the watchword and the tables are scrubbed until they are snow white. The inspecting officer wears white gloves and draws his hand across the walls and floor to detect, if possible, the least amount of dirt.

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Camp Has Modern 2500 Bed Hospital

It is little wonder then why there is a minimum amount of sickness for the whole camp is governed by this rigid inspection process. Each regiment, however, has an infirmary where minor cases are treated and a mile and a half from where the Maine boys are stationed is a 2500 bed hospital, larger than any hospital in Boston. This hospital is modern in every detail, from latest operating room equipment down to the kitchen. There are 250 graduate nurses there, female of course, who have received the rank of Second Lieutenant.

The Camp has its own fire trucks and equipment. Raymond Berube has been transferred to this department. These boys get wonderful training in this particular field, as much, if not more than the average fire laddies in our cities.

Blanding's Daily Program

Let's take a quick glance at their daily program. They get up at 5:15 which allows them an opportunity to see a southern sunrise; reveille at 6:00 when they make their beds and do police duty, not even allowing a burnt match on the ground; 6:30 to 7:15 is breakfast; 7:30 is drill call when physical training is carried on to improve the posture of the men; 8:00 to 11:30 are classes in rifle marksmanship, extended order drill or preparations for battle formation, chemical warfare, aircraft defense, mechanized force defense, etc., 12:00 to 1:00 is dinner. From 1:00 to 5:00 there is further drilling, with supper at six. From 7:30 to 8:30, non-commissioned officers attend school. The time from 8:30 to 11:00, or taps is their own.

Sports and Entertainment

There is bus service inside the gates which operates to Starke, nine miles away or to Jacksonville, 56 miles east. It is understood that shortly, the government will operate its own bus service. Some of the boys go to the theatre at the camp. This is a huge tent, seating 5,000 men where they can view the latest pictures for the price of a dime. Others may go in swimming at Lake Kingsley, a half mile away. This and all athletics are supervised.

Pvt. St. Michel and Sgt. Ledoux, in front of the Sergeant's tent after dinner. Evidently Joe is wondering where his hair has disappeared, for he had more than that on leaving Biddeford.

A church is located about 200 feet from the area and every man is compelled to attend. Men of different faiths attend at allotted times.

We're Telling a Secret

Promotions are being withheld temporarily for various reasons. All promotions are under the command of their Captain, Sydney B. Harris. However, when Walter Hood reads this he will discover that his name has been submitted as a candidate to be sent to an officers training school to be commissioned as a Lieutenant. This school is located at Camp Benning, Ga.

Maneuvers will commence shortly and will start with a four mile hike. As time goes on, this will be increased to 21 miles a day with a 50 pound pack and rifle. Part of this distance they will wear a gas mask. It may be that some months from now, these maneuvers will carry them to Louisiana and Texas for intensive training.

Boys Have Just One Request

All the men seem to be satisfied with army life but there is one request they each make. They ask that their friends write them as often as possible to inform them of local news items. Let's sit right down tonight and write these men who are doing their part in our National Defense Program.

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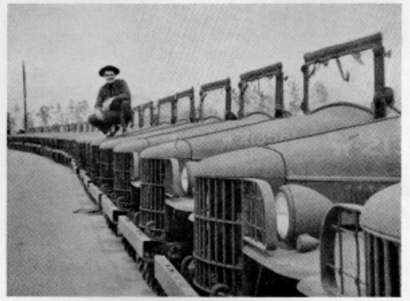
Here is an opportunity for you to find how many of these men you know. These camps are located at the end of Biddeford Street, and will be used for men in the Selective Service when they arrive.

One local fellow, Corp. Parenteau, wandered away from home and the camera caught him sitting on one of the new 75's which belong to the 172d Field Artillery. Directly behind him is one of the new rolling kitchens which travels with the unit.

These boys are falling in line for mess. As soon as the whistle blows these hungry men charge the mess hall like the battle of Bull Run. If you don't recognize them, it is because they have put on weight due to the fine food served them.

On this particular night the boys had a pass and are waiting beside the road for a bus to take them to Jacksonville, 50 miles from camp. Busses run every hour. The government is soon to operate its own bus line, however.



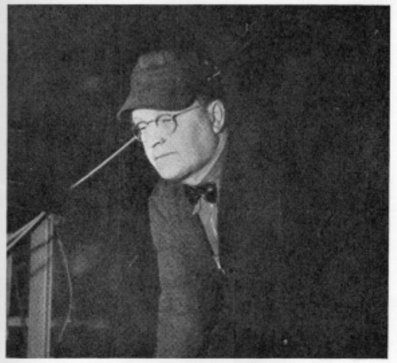
A few of the thousands of motor trucks at Camp Blanding, Fla. Twice a day a truck delivers mail to the boys. This fellow is christening one of them but could probably do a better job if he had the ignition key.

Sgt. Ledoux is giving the men a few instructions on the proper use of the gas mask. During maneuvers the men will wear the masks several miles while hiking.

Recognize this chap? We thought so. But for those who didn't, he is Corp. Parenteau, demonstrating defense against aircraft. This too is at Camp Blanding.

LEWISTON FILTER PLANT HANDLES 9300 GALLONS A MINUTE FOR BLEACHERY

It's All Water — And All Clean



Thomas F. Coughlin of Lewiston, takes care of the filtering plant where over 9,300 gallons of water is filtered every minute. Mr. Coughlin helped to install the plant. His son, Thomas, Jr., a former Bleachery employee, is now at Camp Blanding.

Many times, at Lewiston, the following question has been asked: What would happen at the Bleachery if the Androscoggin river went dry? Well, the old river has been furnishing water to the Bleachery for many years and will continue to do so for many more to come.

Uses 9300 Gallons a Minute

This division of Pepperell uses over 9300 gallons of water every minute of the day. Every drop of this has to be filtered before being used because it contains oil, dirt and pulp from the paper mills up river.

The H_2O is pumped from the canal, by a centrifugal pump, into 14 filters (or tubs as the boys call them) which are 15 feet in diameter and nine feet high. Each filter contains 50 tons of sand and gravel together with small stones from the size of a pea to an inch in diameter. All water passes through this which cleanses it.

Fabric Washing Department Uses Most

At the bottom of each filter are 105 sand valves with a 64th of an inch opening which filters 668 gallons a minute. By simple arithmetic we multiply this 668 gallons a minute times the 14 filters times 60 minutes in an hour and the result shows that the Bleachery consumes 561,120 gallons each hour of plant operation. Besides this, there are 110,000 gallons stored at the Filter plant. This water is fed to the plant through two large pipes, one is 24 inches, the other is 16 inches. Of course, the Wash Room uses the most.

After marching and drilling on the field under the hot sun, the boys at Blanding all go for the shade during the rest period.

Using Original Sand and Gravel

Each evening the sand and gravel in these filters is washed by adding a caustic and then agitating the gravel by revolving blades in each filter. The water is pumped into the sluiceway and empties into the canal. The gravel in each tub performs its requirements as well today as when it was first put in.

The Man Who Mans the Pumps

Thomas F. Coughlin is Foreman of the Filter Plant and has been with the Bleachery for seventeen years. Tom was born in Lewiston, attended schools there and received employment at several establishments in the city before coming to Pepperell. He aided in installing the plant and has been there ever since. He was married in 1907 and has a son, Thomas, Jr., now at Camp Blanding with Co. H, 103rd Infantry and a daughter, Mrs. Catherine O'Leary. Both are former employees of the Bleachery.

We'll play Ten Pins, but age prevents us from entering the rough games. These three boys are the sons of Mrs. Yvonne Lambert, a Winder in Room 25-B at Biddeford.

WORK GOES ALONG FAST ON NEW EQUIPMENT IN BIDDEFORD NO. 2 SHEETING MILL

There's a lot of activity in No. 2 mill in Biddeford—this is the building with the big clock tower on it. On the first floor, a crew is moving and setting up pickers, openers, cards, combers and spinning frames, getting ready for volume production of Pepperell Peeress Combed yarn sheets and pillow cases. This unit will be one of the finest of its kind in the country, and it will produce one of the highest grade sheetings made by any mill in America. There's a crew from the mill at work putting in new floors, setting up the machinery, and as soon as everything is ready the painters will go to work.

New Type Equipment

Opposite Mr. Brady's office, on the third floor of the same building, there's a crew from Saco Lowell changing over the old-type spinning frames to new type J3 frames. There will also be many changes made here, moving the machinery around to provide a more even and continuous flow of materials from the pickers to the cards, and to the spinning frames. Here too, when everything is finished the painters will go to work, and the finished job will make this unit one of the finest of its kind in the entire country.

Improves Working Conditions

All of these changes are right in line with the policy of improving the Biddeford mill as a volume producer of sheetings. When these changes are completed, everyone in Biddeford can feel pretty proud of the equipment and the capacity of the mill. Few if any other mills in the country will have better facilities for producing sheeting, and of course this is directly in line with the many other changes that have already been made.

If you want to get a good idea of what the new Peeress Sheeting looks like, stop in at Nichols Store in Biddeford, and ask to see a sample of Peeress Sheets or cases. Mr. Nichols stocks them and he'll be glad to show them to you so you can see what a beautiful piece of sheeting the new unit in Biddeford is going to produce.

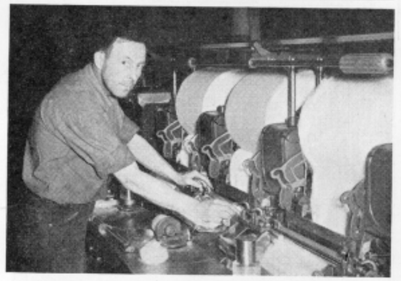
Just back from Colombia where he installed new Saco-Lowell J3 Spinning Frames is Pat Murphy, in charge of the Saco-Lowell crew making the change-over in the frames in Biddeford. In his right hand he is holding one of the new tension devices that will take the place of the heavy weights formerly used.

Two Pepperell boys changing over the old type frames to Saco-Lowell J3's are Edgar Desmarais and Hervie Ross, right handy with the drill that is required to adapt the frames for the new equipment.

George Martin, John Berthiaume, and John Kay, of the Saco-Lowell crew that is working on the change-over to new type J3 frames in Biddeford. New drawing rolls, new feeding mechanism, and many other changes are necessary to make these spinning frames into the most modern type.

HERE'S HOW THE WORK IS PROGRESSING

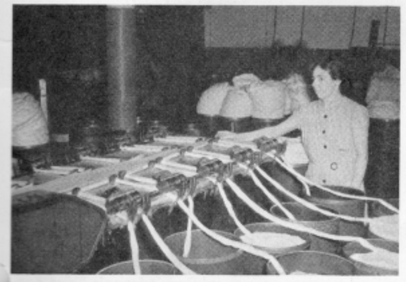
Looking down the line of cards that has recently been installed in Biddeford as part of the new manufacturing unit to make Peeress Sheets and Pillow Cases. Recognize your reporter and editor, Prescott Howard, who is looking the ground over.



Getting one of the new combers ready for operation in No. 2 Mill in the Biddeford Mill is Edgar Desmarais. This new unit is expected to be in full operation by the end of June.

Moving a section of a new Whitin, eight delivery draw frame into Room 21-B for the Peeress Sheets. These men who are moving the frame with plenty of gusto are: John Sheehan, Aime Levesque, Virgil (Zip) Moutsatsos and Bill Morse.

Joe Hartley, Jr., is working on the installation at the end of one of the new combers for the Peeress unit in Biddeford. These combers represent the most modern equipment and are an important part of the production of combed yarns.



Part of the new Peeress machinery now operating in the Biddeford Mill under the skilled hands of Mary Huff.

James Williams, a carpenter in the Biddeford Mill, is working on a motor mounting in 23-A that will be part of the new unit to manufacture Pepperell Peeress Combed Yarn Percale Sheets.

MANY PEPPERELL MEN IN FORT WILLIAMS, PORTLAND

A Strong Northern Garrison

Maine's highest rated National Guard unit has been inducted into service and comprises a part of the nation's new army. This unit from Saco is Battery I of the 240th Coast Artillery now stationed at Fort Williams, Portland, and has nearly 25 Pepperell men in its ranks.

Roster and Rank

These men represent nearly all departments in the mill. Listing and ranks of these men are as follows: Corporals: Marcel Neault, Gilbert Cyr, Daniel Nield, George Dionne and Paul Gowen; Privates, First Class: George Garnache, John Joncas, Emile Dutremble, Roland Soulard and Lucien Nadeau; Privates: Maurice Parisien, Paul Bellefeuille, Louis Cyr, Ernest Collard, Gerald Emery, Louis Grenier, Lawrence Jordan, John Leblond, Patrick Lamirande, and Paul Pelletier. Any omission is purely unintentional.

Daily Schedules Are Instructive

Daily programs vary a little but the basic routine is to roll out of bed at 6:15, dress, shave and prepare for reveille at 6:45. At seven o'clock breakfast is served and from 7:30 to eight is clean up period. At eight o'clock, the call to classes is heard. A partial list of the studies includes Chemical Warfare, Communication, Convoys, Gunning, First Aid, Hygiene, Mapping, Aerial Photography and many others. These classes afford an excellent opportunity to specialize in a subject which is best suited for an individual and a number of the boys are taking advantage of them.

Classes for the forenoon conclude at 11:30 in preparation for dinner at the stroke of twelve. The afternoon program consists of Infantry from one to two o'clock, classes in various subjects from two to 4:30 with Retreat at five followed by supper at 5:30. After this meal the boys are on their own time until eleven, when they must be in their barracks, unless their unit is on guard.

Friend Or Foe

Battery I takes over the guard duties every fourth day. This means that they are in control of the entire post with 55 men to enforce all rulings. There are 136 men in the Battery and 37 of these were inducted through Selective Service.

Weekly Grocery Bill About $400

The food served to these men is of the very highest quality. Very little meringue and icings; simply plain wholesome food, but the chef puts an extra twist on everything in his pots and pans which makes the "groceries" taste a little bit better. These men have good appetites because the tang of the salt air whets up their appetites and all victuals rustled up by the kitchen mechanic taste exceptionally good. As a result, all the boys are tipping the arrow on the scales to the right.

There is plenty of activity at the Post with the erecting of personnel quarters, garages, defense equipment, roadways and communications under the watchful eye of Brig. Gen. Robert F. Garrett who is Commander of all Harbor Defenses of Portland. Gen. Garrett is a born soldier-diplomat, very considerate of his men and by these facts has won the admiration of all the boys.

A Little City In Itself

The Post itself can be termed as a city for there is a fine theatre, gymnasiums, storehouses, two fire trucks, recreation buildings, bowling alleys, a chapel which has just been completed and a hospital with a competent staff of doctors, dieticians and nurses. Speaking of sports it is interesting to note that Battery I has the champion bowling

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1st Sergeant Ralph Dickinson and Captain Benjamin Ridlon, commanding officer of Battery I, 240th C. A. It is interesting to note that Capt. Ridlon organized this Battery.

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team at the fort. The Post also has a radio station that operates 24 hours daily.

The view from the Battery headquarters is really beautiful, for the lawn slopes directly to a large swimming pool. Just beyond this is a well planned garden, with a large artistic pool bordering it on the right and a smaller garden and tennis court on the left. Beyond all this in the distance, is the broad expanse of the blue Atlantic.

Strategic And Historic Location

Fort Williams is so located to command an excellent view of the harbor and the 222 Casco Bay Islands. These islands are sometimes called Calendar Islands because an official English report in the year 1700 said that there were as many islands as days in a year. Within the fortification, near the shore, is Portland Head Light erected in 1790 and completed in 1791. This is the first lighthouse built on the Atlantic seaboard under the new government. In fact it was authorized and ordered by George Washington, Commander in Chief of the Continental Army.

Boys Solicit Your Visitation

The boys at Battery I would sincerely appreciate a visit from the local folks, for although they are but fifteen miles from home, many are not personally able to complete necessary arrangements to visit their home towns. Naturally there are certain restrictions in being able to pass the gate guards but all good friends are cordially welcome. Why not plan to visit your friends at the Fort in the near future and see for yourself the neatness, courtesy and dispatch which surround your friends who are our country's New Army.

Loading one of the rolls of cloth at Biddeford onto a truck by the use of an electric hoist. Receiving the roll is Clayton Hersey for the Hodgdon Trucking Co., with Otis Small of the Cloth Room guiding the roll.

BIDDEFORD COUPLE OBSERVE 25TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

A surprise party was tendered Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Garceau on their 25th Wedding Anniversary at the home of Overseer and Mrs. Edward McDuffey. Mr. Garceau is General Second Hand of the Spinning department on the second shift and Mrs. Garceau is a Traveller Changer on the first shift.

Presented Silver Serving Set

The dining room was attractively decorated in a color scheme of silver and white with the figures 25 boldly hanging from the streamers. In the center of the table was a large three layer wedding cake, decorated with a miniature bride and groom, roses, doves and silver leaves.

A splendid lobster dinner was served the thirty guests by Mrs. McDuffey assisted by Mrs. James Greenlaw, Katherine Andrews and Theresa Hamel. The couple were presented with a silver service set.

Has Always Been A Textile Man

Mr. Garceau was born in Manchester, N. H., attended schools there and started his career as a textile worker in the Amoskeag Manufacturing Company, later to receive a Foreman's position in that concern. He also was employed at the Hill Mill, at Lewiston and came to Pepperell in 1935 as a Survey Man in the Spinning department. In 1937 he was promoted to third shift Second Hand and a year and a half later, he accepted the position of General Second Hand on the second shift.

Cupid Scores Direct Hit

Mrs. Garceau was born in Quebec and attended the Notre Dame Convent of Victoriaville, P. Q. She went to Manchester in 1910 to accept a position there. A few years later she met Mr. Garceau, felt the sting of Cupid's arrow which terminated in marching down the middle aisle on April 4, 1916.

"IT WON'T SHRINK" SAYS THE LABEL—HERE'S WHY

It's Sanforized at Lewiston

Arthur Gousse and Frank Lalonde of Lewiston, who have been employed on the Sanforizing machine since it was installed. Read about these men in the following story.

Some of the cloth to be finished at the Lewiston Bleachery may be Dyed, Bleached, Mercerized and some of it may be Sanforized. Sanforizing of cloth is not exactly a new process, yet it has only become popular in the last decade.

This process involves shrinking the cloth to proper width so that it will not shrink further when washed. When a man purchases a broadcloth shirt, he notices a label in the neck band which states that the garment has been Sanforized. This label signifies that the cloth will not shrink further when washed. The cloth from the so-called "pre-shrunk" process, not employed at the Bleachery, will shrink more than Sanforized fabrics when washed.

How To Determine Machine Setting

Supposing there is an order to Sanforize 50,000 yards of broadcloth. This material has already been bleached and mercerized, and a sample measuring exactly 18 inches is cut off and washed under rigid regulations for three hours. It is then dried, ironed and again measured to determine the amount of shrinkage. These measurements may reveal, for example, that the cloth shrunk 1.35 inches in length and .43 inches in width, the amount that each yard of the 50,000 will shrink. Then the Sanforizing machine is set, upon this basis. Another 18 inches is cut from the original order, Sanforized, washed and then checked as to size to ascertain if the Sanforizing machine has been properly set. The results may show that the length has shrunken .03 of an inch and the width .00 inches, which is perfect; for ¾ of 1%, (or ¼ inch to yard) difference is allowed after the product has been Sanforized.

The Sanforizing Process Described

The Sanforizing process itself is quite simple. The cloth is placed over a set of rollers and water sprayed onto it to soften the fabric. It is run through a short frame and then between a blanket covered roll and "electric shoes" which serve the purpose of a flat iron. The pores of the blanket, when passing over the roll, are open and the fabric to be Sanforized is pressed firmly against the blanket. When the blanket straightens out the pores close and thus shrinks the fabric. Both blanket and fabric pass over a series of rolls and a large drum, filled with low pressure steam which dries the fabric.

Broadcloth, Poplin, Jeans, Drills, and coat linings are the common cloths which are Sanforized. Broadcloth generally calls for a shrinkage of one to one and a half inches per yard while some cloths run as high as four inches. The Lewiston Bleachery is one of the very few units in the country which Sanforizes weighted flannels used for woodsman's shirts, coat linings, etc.

The Men Who Operate The Sanforizer

Arthor Gousse has been employed at this machine since it was installed nearly twelve years ago. Arthur was born in Auburn and at the close of his school career, went to work on his father's farm. After tilling the soil for a number of years, he became interested in textiles and secured employment at the Bleachery in 1929, the same year he marched down the middle aisle with Audellie Duchette, a popular young lady, also from Auburn. They have one daughter, Doris, attending school in Auburn.

During his younger life, Arthur enjoyed the art of trapping, more for sport than for the revenue. Today, his hobby has changed to gunning and he is very fond of fox hunting. He is a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, serving eleven months in France with the 29th Division, Company C, 104th Engineers.

Frank and Arthur Are Great Team

Frank Lalonde is the other operator on the Sanforizer. He has been with Pepperell for eleven years. Frank first saw the light of day in the same city in which he is now employed. After attending the schools at Lewiston he worked several years as machinist at the Hyde-Windlass Co. at Bath and as machinist in the Androscoggin Mills. He was married in 1923 and is blessed with seven fine children, the youngest eight months and the oldest 17 years of age. His better half, Mrs. Rose Lalonde is exemplifying splendid workmanship in stitching sheets at the Sheet Factory.

FOREMAN'S CLUB AT BIDDEFORD TO SPONSOR COMBINED MINSTREL SHOW AND MUSICAL REVIEW — ONLY EMPLOYEES TO TAKE PART — 75 PEOPLE ON STAGE

Probably the first minstrel show and musical review ever to be conducted by Pepperell employees at Biddeford will be presented the latter part of May. It will be sponsored by the Foreman's Club, with the first half a minstrel show and the second half a musical review which will include a style show and several specialty numbers.

All Types Of Talent Solicited

At least 75 people will take part in the combined show. The committee will greatly appreciate any person volunteering their services as a vocalist, entertainer, end man and woman, instrument player or to join in the chorus; anything to make the show a success. There is plenty of talent in the mills and the committee needs these people. It's all in fun and there will be plenty of that.

The first act will be a reminder of the good old minstrel days with peppy music and plenty of jokes. It has been streamlined a bit by adding four girls as end women, two of whom have accepted, who will be a riot in themselves.

Style Show Is Second Act Feature

The second act will be presented in cabaret style and deal more with music, together with a fine style show that no woman should miss. As each model is presented, an appropriate song will be sung by the model with the chorus joining in. Other feature attractions and specialty numbers will be built around this act.

Gay Paree For The Gentlemen

As for the men viewing the show—well boys, gather round closer for there is one special number that you just can't afford to miss. This will be kept a secret and known only to the committee; but as a hint, it has never before been shown on any stage in Biddeford.

Watch For Further Announcements

The committee is headed by President Bill Sweetsir of the Foreman's Club and has very able assistants in the persons of Miss Gladys Hamel, Ludger Picher, Don Rhodes, Francis Spencer, Stanley Murdock, and B. F. Brady. Each one as an individual is capable of managing a show of this type, and when they all are on one committee, the very finest of entertainment will result. Let's get behind the group by volunteering our services if only for the chorus. There is considerable varied talent in the mills and this affords an opportunity for their friends and relatives to see and hear them in the atmosphere and surroundings which they deserve.

Further announcements will be made in a few days as to time and place of the show.

This picture was recently published in our local newspaper. The large family of Mr. and Mrs. Telesphore Beaudry, 611 Rodman St., Fall River, are l to r, First Row— Lauretta, 10; Gerard, 12; Mrs. Beaudry, 39; Imelda, 4; Doris, 7; Mr. Beaudry, 39; Roland, 9; Jeannette, 12. Second Row —Theresa, 16; Albert, 18, who is in the Navy; Marianna, 20; George, 15. Mr. Beaudry has been employed in Mill "A" since November, 1939, and claims to have the largest family in the Rayon Mill.

MANY INDIRECT ADVANTAGES TO INSURANCE PLAN OFFERED TO BIDDEFORD EMPLOYEES

The real value of the Hospital and Surgical Benefits Plan that has just been announced for the people of the Biddeford Mill, does not lie in the fact that you expect to be called to the hospital right away, or that there is anything wrong with you right now. Although, of course, those who have any trouble that requires an operation or attention can get this taken care of readily under the insurance plan whenever they want.

Its real value is that it provides constant protection for employees should they have to go to the hospital unexpectedly, and have any of the operations performed that are covered by the insurance. If you were working at home, fell from a ladder and broke your arm, this insurance would take care of any time in the hospital, and any surgical attention that was needed, as outlined in the booklet you have received. If you didn't have the insurance, on entrance to the hospital you would be required to pay a deposit fee of about $25.00, depending on the hospital, and it would cost you at least $3.50 a day for a bed while you were in the hospital. In addition, you would have to pay the surgeon for setting your arm, and if an operation was necessary, you would have to pay for operating room fees, anaesthetist's fees, and for any X-rays, together with the surgeon's fee.

The Sporting Thing To Do

Because of the high costs of running a hospital, and the great training needed to become a doctor, both the hospitals and surgeons are anxious to have any bills paid as promptly as possible. It is only natural that they do so, for they render a kind of public service, from which they support themselves. In order to pay the charges, it is often necessary for people to borrow money. This, of course, involves payment of interest on the borrowed money, and the total cost of the hospital and surgical fees can grow extremely large for this reason. Practically everyone knows that it is difficult if not impossible suddenly to get the money necessary for an operation or for the expense of being in a hospital.

If, however, you have insurance under the plan outlined in the booklet which you now have, you can enter the hospital free from worry, and have any operation performed as outlined in the booklet. The insurance serves in this way to avoid a sudden drain on your savings account, to eliminate the need to borrow money for hospital or surgical bills, and in the spirit of good sportsmanship, it enables doctors and the hospital to get their bills paid within a reasonable time. Put all these things together, and there is little reason to doubt that the nineteen cents a week that the insurance costs is money well invested.

John Watson, born in Glasgow, and a witty Scot, has been with Pepperell for 26 years in the Biddeford Machine Shop. Here he is at his lathe, boring out gears.

Questions and Answers About the Hospitalization and Surgical Benefits Insurance Plan

1. Question—If I need to have my tonsils taken out, will the insurance cover this?
Answer—Yes, the insurance will cover the cost of the operation and costs of special fees and the hospital bed.

2. Question— If I get in an automobile accident, will the insurance help me?
Answer—Yes. If you have to go to the hospital, it will be paid for up to 31 days at $3.50 a day. If you need stitches taken, a fracture set, this will be paid for up to a cost of $75.00 —according to list in booklet.

3. Question—Do I have to go to the hospital to get the benefits?
Answer—No. If you can get the surgical attention you need at home, you don't need to go to the hospital.

4. Question—If I require surgical attention on my teeth, will the insurance help me?
Answer—Yes, the insurance will cover the cost of meeting any common dental operation.

5. Question—Do I have to go to any special hospital?
Answer—No. You can go to any legally constituted hospital in the United States or Canada.

6. Question—Do I have to have any special surgeon?
Answer—No. You can have anyone you want who is qualified to do the required operation.

7. Question—Can I have more than one operation in a year?
Answer—Yes, if it is necessary, and if you return to work between the time you recover from the first and the other is necessary.

See the last two pages of your booklet for other questions and answers, or ask your overseer.

CAMP EDWARDS ON CAPE COD USES SHEETINGS MADE IN BIDDEFORD AND LEWISTON

Here is Kitchen Police on duty at Camp Edwards on Cape Cod. Getting the right kind of food, the right clothing and even the right kind of bedding are important details in keeping the army in fit and trim condition.

New England's largest military camp has grown up. In buildings that three months ago were just lumber, nails and roofing, there are now 30,000 men at Camp Edwards on Cape Cod. In kitchens that had nothing but cold stoves and empty ice boxes, there is now great activity that requires the preparation of food to feed these 30,000 men three meals a day—90,000 meals a day. In barrack rooms that were empty there are now 30,000 beds, and on these beds there are sixty thousand sheets, with an equal amount in reserve—a total of four sheets to each man, sheets such as those woven in Biddeford. Each man has three blankets and a quilt, a total of 90,000 blankets and 30,000 quilts. In the hospital that was empty three months ago, there are now accommodations for 1,200 men, and here they need more than an average of four sheets to each bed.

Textiles Important To Defense

Think of this camp not as one alone, for there are many more in all parts of the country, some even larger than this one on Cape Cod, and some smaller. Think of not only the camp, but the men themselves, and all the things that they need for the ordinary living of each day. They can't fire guns, drive tanks, set up radio equipment, fly planes, unless they are well fed, well clothed, and well taken care of in the smaller details of their lives. They need not only food, and ammunition, but sheets, shirts, ties, shoes, and the special new mercerized gabardine beach jackets that were issued to them only a couple of weeks ago. They need these things just as much as they need bullets, and they're getting all these things, not from steel factories, or gun shops, or shipyards—but from textile mills, clothing factories, and thousands of industries all over the country that are making the everyday things required.

It may seem a long way from sheeting coming off the looms of a textile mill, to fighting a war, but it's much closer than you think. Textiles are a necessary part of fighting equipment, just as shoes and shirts and sweaters are. In defense preparations such as those that are under way now, there's as much to be done in the mills of the nation as there is to be done in the army camps, and the responsibility for a strong defense doesn't rest on the soldiers alone. It's a responsibility that belongs to millions of workers in thousands of factories all over the United States, and every soldier knows and appreciates this fact.

JOSEPH MICHAUD RESIGNS POSITION AT LEWISTON AFTER THIRTEEN YEARS OF SERVICE

Joseph A. Michaud, payroll clerk at our Lewiston plant, and a member of the Pepperell organization for the past thirteen and one half years, has accepted a position with the Fafnir Bearing Company at New Britain, Conn., where he is now located.

On Friday, April 4th, friends at the Lewiston plant gathered together to present several gifts to Mr. Michaud. These included a beautiful traveling bag and set of brushes, razors, etc., a pipe and case, a humidor of tobacco and a carton of cigarettes.

The Fafnir concern is a large one employing 6000 people, and is busy at this time with several large government contracts. Joe should fit nicely into this picture as he is a conscientious worker whose record at Lewiston has been of the best.

Although Joe will be missed by his former fellow workers, all will be pulling for him to succeed in his new enterprise for one and all agree that he is a "great guy".

Beneath the trees and beside a lake is the perfect setting for a lunch in the open. These youngsters are the Genthner and Perkins children whose parents work in the Biddeford Mill.

WHO'S WHO IN BIDDEFORD

PRESCOTT L. HOWARD, *Editor-in-Chief*

SHEETING WEAVING — Biddeford

REPORTERS: *Alice McDowell, John Trembly, Anna Bergeron, William Thompson.*

¶ James Gallant, cleaner in 5-3, has moved to a farm. He says he wants to be a good farmer.
¶ George Currier, cleaner in 10-2, hasn't found a rent, yet. Don't let Thompson beat you, George. You know you're only two rents ahead of him.
¶ If R. Montembeau, our cleaner in 5-3B, would go to the show on Sunday night instead of Friday night, he would feel lots better when he came in to work on the third shift Sat. morning.
¶ We all wonder where William Taylor, Jr., gets that winning smile. William is a cleaner in 8-3.
¶ Elphege Paradis, loom fixer in 8-3, enjoyed a week end at Newton, Mass.
¶ There are two cleaners in 8-2, namely, John Searles and Hebert Cray, who walk 22 miles a day to and from work.
¶ Mr. Horsefield, oiler in 8-3, says if there is anyone who wants to hear about the time he fought in the Boer war in Africa, he is willing to give his time to a good listener.
¶ Mr. Emerson and family visited Mrs. Whitter at Lyman, Me., over the week end. Mr. Emerson works in the Sanitary Dept.
¶ There have been many inquiries who the cleaner is that is called the floater. We don't like to mention names "But" he uses the longest broom of any cleaner in the Pepperell Div.
¶ Anthony Simonunok, a loom fixer in 10-2, says he is glad that he is an American citizen now, and has been for a number of years.
¶ Mrs. Boucher, weaver in Room 8-3A, who has been absent for three days, has resumed her duties.
¶ Doris Grenier certainly wants to put on weight. She is seen mostly every day waiting for the lunch man.
¶ Albina Garneau is on a diet these days trying to get slim.
¶ We miss Irene Peloquin who has been transferred from the 1st shift to the 3rd shift.
¶ Yvonne Garon, Antoinette Valliere, Bella Cote and Lirette Grenier went to Boston Saturday the 5th and reported having a glorious time. They returned Sunday night quite contented.
¶ We understand that our 22 miles a day hikers are planning a hike to Corinna, Maine.
¶ To Our Local Salesmen: Mr. Carlos DeSilva, runner boy in 10-2, wants to buy a new radio.
¶ George Simard, Cleaner in 10-2, was one of the outstanding features of the Irish Minstrel at St. Mary's School.
¶ Spring is in the air. Mr. Watson, second hand in the Slash Room, had his car washed this week.
¶ To be able to get his car registered, Max Libby, our handsome killer diller, will have to stop buying suits. You wouldn't want to disappoint those girls, eh Max???
¶ Max Libby's girl friend has a saddle horse which Max utterly tried to ride. The horse kicked. Now, believe it or not, Max is taking private lessons, so that he can ride "that thar horse".

Aime Lamontagne (center), son of Mrs. Emilien Lamontagne, with his two aunts Theresa and Gloria Lamontagne. Their mother is employed in Room 15-5. Aime's mother is a weaver in 13-1 at Biddeford.

How do you like Carmen? Carmen Laplante is 18 years old and a senior at Lewiston High School. Both her parents are employed at the Lewiston Plant.

SHEETING CLOTH ROOM — Biddeford

REPORTERS: *Dorothy Adjutant, Antoinette Hannah, Helen Economos, Phylis Cote, Mary Goldthwaite.*

¶ David Adams is out on account of illness. Hoping he's feeling better and will be back with us again soon.
¶ Bertha Nadeau loafed one night recently. We can't find out where she went or what she did. Usually we have a way of finding out things.
¶ Mary Morris and Mary Poulin were out a few days recently due to illness.
¶ Plenty has been said about proud fathers but we have a pretty proud uncle working with us, since that little boy arrived in the Camden family.
¶ Pauline Bonsaint was a visitor in Portland, recently.
¶ When Albert Harvey bursts into a song in the middle of a work day, that's something to make us all take notice.
¶ If Joe Proulx wants to bring tonic to a girl on the 3rd shift it's all right by us. Maybe Joe was a boy scout once.
¶ Press photographers are still waiting for that formal shore dinner at Vallee's Inn. Could one more horn in if properly attired?

A Hero On The Bridge

The boy stood on the burning bridge,
The heat aroused his ire,
The flames nearby where stood his form,
Made him a "hero under fire".

Charles Patrick

MECHANICAL DEPT. — Biddeford

¶ Clarence (Wrong Way) Williams discovered that some of Portland streets have but one entrance. As a result he was politely told to drive his car backward, the entire length of the street.

¶ We are all pleased to have William Leighton, Carpenter, back with us again after an absence of 3½ months.

¶ Aldorin Belisle enjoys having his picture taken, but the photographic results will not be correct until the camera is reinforced with a cast iron back.

¶ Fred Ruel, Blacksmith, has heard a lot about roof gardens and decided to go to the other extreme and have a cellar garden. He put a few potatoes in a barrel of earth last Fall—they sprouted and the vines have grown over his coal pen like climbing ivy.

¶ Eddie Patrys' cow, Blossom, was visited by the stork the other day and left a little Bud.

¶ Fred Grace really has tough luck with his car when it is parked. Nearly every truck in York County has folded up the fenders so often that he has a weekly appointment with a garage attendant.

¶ Storm warnings were displayed last week from Camp Ellis to Sandy Brook. Our congenial welder, William Vermette, has an airplane engine with propeller which he is attaching to a row boat to be used as a torpedo boat in guarding the Saco River.

¶ Harley Johnson has the electricians on nerve's edge. Harley has a fine little truck and in the body are six cans securely fastened to the truck. Every day when he comes to work the same six cans are there. What is in the cans, Harley, and why carry them around?

¶ Ken Foss, Electrician, who lives near the submarine base on Sandy Brook, was unfortunate in having a fire occur in one of the bedrooms, causing considerable damage. The family was unharmed as they retired to the bomb-proof cellar.

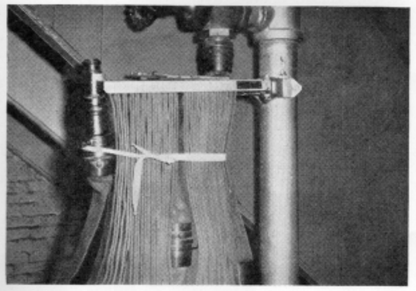
¶ George Pillsbury has been transferred from the garage to machine shop.

¶ Joseph Proulx observed his 87th birthday on April 14th and received many congratulatory remarks from his fellow employees. In spirit and action Joe hasn't grown a day older in the past twenty-five years and danced a jig for the boys on the day he became 87 years young.

¶ Lewis Barry has traded cars four times in the past six months. Parts of three cars to supply the fourth are strewn along the highway from the machine shop to his home in North Kennebunkport.

¶ Bert and Oakley Bragdon were recent visitors at the Sandy Brook Naval Base.

¶ All the boys are glad to have Ernest "Honey" Cole back in the Machine Shop again. Honey has been absent for over a year due to injuries he received when struck by an automobile. He has worked for Pepperell 36 years.



Here's the way a fire hose ought to look. It is neatly folded, trimly tied and ready for use at a moment's notice in any emergency. Check the fire hoses in your department.

Richard Gagnon, two year old nephew of Mrs. Blanche Gamache. Blanche is our Barber Colman Winder operator in Fall River.

BLANKET CLOTH ROOM — Biddeford

REPORTERS: *Rose Bouthot, Catherine Bizantakos.*

¶ *Dispensary Dashes* . . . Luatte Cote is back at work again after being out ill. How do you feel, Lou? . . . Mary Colpitts and Lucille Cloutier, of the office crew, spent a month in Boston learning the Billing machines. Lucky girls!

¶ *More of the Same* . . . Frieda Carrier visited relatives in Boston a short time ago. . . . Latest report on Analda Methot is that her condition is "Good".

¶ *Could it be Vivian C?* . . . We have an artist in our department who is unknown. I saw a few of her sketches, which are life reproductions. The models,—our department employees.

¶ *Howdy* . . . Barbara Lamb and Patrice Cantara, now at work in the office, are welcomed in our midst. We hope you like it here, girls.

¶ *This month's Special* . . . Out to win with "Two Gun Eva" rooting for them, the bowlers had an easy time taking over the Towel crew, and shoving them deeper in the gutter. The last year's champs are out to repeat with such performances. What's the matter with your gutterettes, Manager Beaudette??? By the way, Lawrence, thanks for the swell write up in the last issue.

¶ *Army Wife Soon* . . . Congratulations are in order to Gemma Fortin whose engagement was recently announced to Conrad Roy who is stationed at Fort Williams. Wedding date has been set for May 24. They will make their home on Elm Street. We all join in wishing the couple happiness.

¶ *That Man is here again* . . . Slim Barden is back to work as shipper. What's the matter "Slim", did you miss all your friends in the Pepperell? Nice place, don't you think?

¶ *Here Comes the Bride* . . . The wedding tune has been running through the mind of Laurette Dumas, who will become Mrs. Conrad Nolette, on the tenth of May. It won't be long now, Laurette. Any way we all join in wishing the couple happiness.

¶ *Change Shift* . . . We wish Herve Lauzier luck on his new shift. Herve works on the second shift now and drops in about 2:30 every day to say hello to Yvonne, (his wife) who is on the first shift. What luck . . . Glad you like your work, Hervey.

¶ *She asked for it* . . . May I take up a little space now to mention Eva Morris? Eva is a jolly woman who can be heard from one floor to the other, when she is laughing. She is beautiful (ahem) wonderful and a good sport; also every other nice name you'd like to call her. Now you know Eva. (Two Gun). Is this good enough, Eva? I tried anyway.

¶ *Did You Meet?* . . . Laura Huff and husband recently visited friends in Boston. Hear you had a good time Laura . . . Swell! . . . Alphonse Roberge spent a week end in Boston where he attended the opera Il Trovatore. From the way you talked Alphonse, we know you enjoyed yourself.

¶ *You Guess, I Know* . . . Who the young lady is that always says, "If I knew another man like Laddie, I'd marry him in a minute". Wonder what the matter is with "Laddie"!

This young lady of seven years is the drum majorette of the Rocheleau Drum and Bugle Club of Lewiston. Her name is Carmen Bedard and she is the niece of Jim Garneau, Lewiston Grey Room employee.

TOWEL CLOTH ROOM — Biddeford

REPORTERS: *Natalie Keene, Laurence Beaudette.*

¶ Now that the Easter and Patriot's Day holidays have been fittingly observed we turn our thoughts in anticipation to what we hope will be a very pleasant summer and a season in which we should help in spreading Maine's established fame, by extending a very generous welcome to all of the thousands of summer visitors who will come to Maine this year. Let us all do our bit in making these strangers feel as if Maine is their adopted home.

¶ Ann has denied the story in our last issue which told of her plans for a summer vacation. You may be right, Ann, probably that ball player will be playing in some Southern State by July, and not in Hartford as I reported.

¶ Leona Poirer motored to Lawrence, Mass. recently to visit a relative who is a member of the Religious Community of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd stationed in that city.

¶ Lilyan DuPont recently demonstrated the antics of a congressman conducting a filibuster, with all of the patented motions of a senior member of the House.

¶ To offset any ridiculous impression that the reporters of the Blanket Division may have as to my being worried at the manner in which our girls are bowling, let me set your fears at rest with the simple statement that the final recording will find the "So-Big" team in first place and that *you Katty* will have to retract the remarks pertaining to their description as "Gutterettes". So come on, Rose and Catherine, prepare a proper statement conceding the title to the "So Big" team, to be printed in the next issue. You may just as well give up now, because Yvette Belanger can not pull you through all of the matches alone.

¶ Our compliments to "Two-Gun" Eva, but we cannot accept a draw, although we are fast on the draw. Get it?

¶ At the rate that Uncle Sam is calling the "men" in Mr. Spencer's department to the colors, we feel inclined to believe that having read the propaganda regarding Arthur Plante's so-called skill with a gun, that he, Uncle Sam, will certainly "invite" A. P. to join up with the expectation that the War will certainly be speeded towards its objective, with such a sharpshooter in the ranks. Repetition beneficial? You say that as if you really believed it, Cathy.

¶ Rumor has it that the "bird" to whom we referred in our last issue is lost or has strayed far off its course, as it has not landed with its bundles as yet. But have patience, my good readers, it will certainly make a landing by the time that our next issue reaches the press.

¶ Miss Josephine Burba is constantly rehearsing in preparation for her participation in the music festival to be held in this room, during the noon hour on Sunday, June 22. Miss Burba has chosen for her contribution Brunhilde's Battle Cry from Wagner's Opera "Die Walkure" from the famous Der Ring Des Nibelungen or "The Ring of the Nibelunja", music drama in the form of a trilogy and prologue, based upon two great legendary sources: Norse Mythology, and the old German epic known as the Nibelungenlied, the story of the magic ring. As an encore, Miss Burba has chosen Elizabeth's prayer to the Virgin, from the third act of Wagner's "Tannhauser", the story of the minstrel knight and of the Contest of Song at the Wartbury. If a second encore becomes a necessity we may prevail upon the slender Miss Burba to render the descriptive song sung by "Manon" in the opera of the same name by Jules Massenet in which she sings "Je suis en-core tout e tour di e", "You see me still a simple maiden".

¶ Eva Gaudette visited her parents in Canada recently, enjoying a full week in re-living the joys and pleasures of her childhood.

¶ With the gala opening of the Old Orchard Pier ballroom, our younger set have started the fast pace which they hope to keep up throughout the coming summer. Charlene, Lilyan, Ann, Corrine, Nathalie, Jean, Pauline and Alfreda are really quite adept at all of the modern dances and will undoubtedly carry on as usual this summer.

¶ We nominate Ann as our delegate to the "Sweater Girl" convention planned for this summer at a nearby resort.

¶ If our girls were movie stars, I would like to see them cast as follows:

Mrs. Maxim de Winter—star of Rebecca—Kay Simoneau.
Allayne Whiteoak of the "Whiteoaks of Jalna"—Ann Tsomides.
Henriette De Tulzy of "All This and Heaven Too"—Natalie Keene.
Myra of Waterloo Bridge—Leona Poirier.
Ma Joad of "The Grapes of Wrath"—Beatrice Brouillard.
Shirley Temple in "Shirley Temple Grown Up"—Pauline Boutet.
Mae Robson as a young star—Charlene Tibbetts.
Sonja Henie in "Thin Ice"—Jean Gagne.
And the prize role coveted by all stars, that of Scarlett O'Hara in "Gone With the Wind" our own Lilyan "Scarlett Temper" DuPont.

SHEETING CARDING — Biddeford

REPORTERS: *Sarah Whitworth, Herbert Sears, Paul Leblond, Oscar Blanchette, Raymond Gendron, Maurice Thompson, Joseph Cook, Emelin Morin.*

¶ Drawing frame tender, Mrs. Lacerte, is back to her work after submitting to an operation.

¶ Mrs. M. Neault has been transferred from the 2nd Shift to the 3rd Shift.

¶ Mrs. Gallant, drawing frame tender, who has recently moved on the farm, has been transferred from the 3rd Shift to the 2nd.

¶ Card grinder, O. Blanchette of Room 4-2, 3rd Shift, has been transferred to No. 2 Mill in Rooms 2-3 A, 2-3 B and 2-3 C.

¶ Congratulations to the management from the employees in general for moving No. 4 Mill into No. 2 Mill, which will create almost 100% better working conditions.

A group of Second Hands and their ladies who attended the housewarming of Oscar Guyer of Fall River. From left to right, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Lombardo, Mrs. Paul Jardin, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Gempp, Paul Jardin, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Guyer, and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Jardin.

BLANKET WEAVE ROOM — Biddeford

REPORTER: *Ernest Guilmette.*

¶ Reynald Dube has been inducted into U. S. Army and is now stationed at Camp Edwards. He expects to be sent to Maryland soon. Best of luck to you, Reynald.
¶ Our sympathy is extended to Irene, and Herve Paquette, and also Mrs. Blanche Anastasoff, in their recent bereavement.
¶ Mrs. Annie Desrosier visited in Salem, Mass., over the Easter Holiday.
¶ Mrs. Laura Fournier has returned to work after spending a week's vacation in Canada.
¶ Rebecca King has returned to work after a few days' illness.
¶ Emile Boisvert, our second-hand on the 2nd shift, spent Easter in Nashua, N. H.
¶ Congratulations to Roland Vaillancourt, our office employee, who has become engaged to Rita Dorais, over the Easter Holiday.
¶ Rheal Roy and Pauline Courtois have also become engaged. Congratulations to you, both.
¶ Jeannette Gagne and Raoul Sager visited in Boston over the Holiday.
¶ Lucille Durgin has returned to work after a week's vacation.
¶ Our sincere sympathy is offered Agnes Bigger, who recently lost her mother.
¶ We welcome all of the transferred employees and we will try to cooperate with you at all times.
¶ We extend a hearty welcome to Dora Mayotte, who has returned to work on the new winders, after recuperating from an appendectomy.

BLANKET NAPPING ROOM — Biddeford

REPORTERS: *Joseph Downes, Antonio Guilbeault.*

¶ There was an article in this column a while back about a couple of fellows who needed a lot of room to work. We wish to apologize because we found one who needs more than these two together. Maybe it's because you are so large yourself. Is that right, Bob?
¶ The new trimmer on the second shift seems to have made quite a hit with some of the boys. They want to get transferred to the second shift or have her changed to the first.
¶ Somebody borrowed Ralph's jallopy a few weeks back. But I guess they didn't know the combination because he found it parked on Water Street not harmed at all. So now he has swapped it for another. Maybe this one won't be so hard to get started.
¶ Speaking about cars, another one of the fellows has the car bug. Hope you don't have as much trouble as Ralph had with his, Alec.
¶ Your correspondent has just received word from Freddie Morin who is stationed at Camp Wheeler, Georgia. He writes that he is doing fine and likes the Army life. He also wishes for me to give you his best regards.
¶ We suppose some of the boys will be wanting to bring their cars into the mill now after seeing Jitterbug Johnson come in with his bicycle. Yes, he brings it right into the Napping Room. Some say he even tried to put it into his locker.
¶ Probably by the time you read this Alice will already be married, we hope. It's certainly been a long time coming. How did you get him to pop the question? She's lucky, she won't even have to change her name; instead of Miss Cote it will be Mrs. Cote.

WHO'S WHO IN FALL RIVER

H. A. TRUSLOW, *Fall River Editor*

CLOTH ROOM MILL "B" — Fall River

REPORTER: *Ethel Marston.*

¶ The cloth room girls and their friends held a shower for Irene Wood recently, who is going to marry Fred Partington on April 19th at the Bristol Casino in Warren, R. I. Tuesday, April 8th, Irene was presented with a chest of silver with which she was delighted. Gert was the hit of the evening when she made a hit with Dr. Rhythm, one of the entertainers.
¶ If you want to know, ask Ann what happened to Genevieve on their way home.
¶ Well, Al has gone and done it. He bought his girl a very pretty diamond and intends to be married in the Fall. Good luck, Al!
¶ If you want to know how to make good gingerbread, see Dot Barrowclough. She knows all the answers.
¶ Old Bill is back again after being out sick. The girls missed their door tender when Bill was out.

MILL "B" CARDING DEPT. — Fall River

REPORTER: *Beatrice Dupuis.*

¶ Mr. and Mrs. Sevigny have recently bought a brand new car. Mrs. Sevigny is a speeder tender on the second shift in our Dept.
¶ Anne Dupree and her husband are planning a week end trip to Bridgeport, Conn., over the holiday. Anne has a brother residing in Bridgeport.
¶ We find Pat Duquette back on the job again after being out sick for a few days.
¶ Mrs. Gaskell is also out due to illness. We hope you will soon be back.
¶ Well, Tommy, you must be glad that the good old summer time is almost here again, so you can enjoy your daily sun bath much more.
¶ Many of our young ladies marched in the Easter Parade this year.
¶ We wish to extend our sympathy to Antone Massa in his recent bereavement.
¶ Gost, Jao, that was a good one played on you April Fool's Day. We can just imagine your embarrassment, but cheer up, be on the alert next year.
¶ Speaking of Easter Bonnets, we find that red is favored among our young ladies. They tell us that it's "Flaming Youth".

In the waiting room of the Fall River Mill Clinic are: Normand Jarry, battery hand, and Maurice Levasseur, bobbin stripping machine operator, waiting to get their physical examinations prior to starting work; Jules Senecal, weaver and knot machine operator who is to have his rheumatism treated, and Manuel Nicolau, drawing frame tender, who has been out ill for two weeks and is reporting back to work.

WEAVE ROOM MILL "A" — Fall River

REPORTERS: *Leo Chabot, Edward Sheehan.*

¶ We appreciate the efforts of all those who have contributed to the Sheet. Marie Roberts of the Winding Department deserves special mention for so nobly responding to every call of the Pepperell Sheet.

¶ Lately we find Laura smiling to herself. At the time, no one knew the reason why, but one look at Laura's new diamond ring and we knew the answer.

¶ Being ill for some time kept Josephine Morrisette away from her work. She is now back with us and looks fine. Welcome back, Josephine, and take care so there will be no more sickness.

¶ Jennie Gossic's favorite number is "Good Night, My Love".

¶ Doris Daignault told us she will have to acquire a streamlined figure for her new Easter outfit.

¶ A little birdie told us that Bertha's favorite song is "Holding Hands". Can this song have a special meaning, we wonder?

¶ After weeks of practicing we have acquired a barnyard quartet. They are Aldea, Lydia, Rose and Gene. They sure like to exercise their vocal chords.

¶ Jane Berry surprised us by wearing a dress she knitted herself. A very good knitter she is, too.

¶ With the extraction of Aldea's tooth, it left her speechless for a couple of days.

¶ What would happen if:

Jo Pavao missed one morning doing her housework.

Flossie Jennings wouldn't eat so much.

Rose Sullivan got to work a little earlier.

F. W. didn't do any parking before getting to work.

Gene Rich didn't have pepsi-cola to drink all day.

Bill Boyle didn't have Wallace Coulombe to trim his mustache.

Eugenie Gossic didn't have the gateman start up her car when she gets stuck.

The boys from the slashing dept. got to their favorite nite-spot on Friday nite and found it closed.

¶ I believe that Ray Banville is wasting his time with his imagination. He should have been a publicity man. Maybe his ancestors were descendants of the great Baron Munchhausen.

¶ Gene Rich bears a striking resemblance to Bill Shakespeare, a football star from Notre Dame of a few years back.

IT'S HARD FOR MOTHERS TO GET INTO THE SPIRIT OF MODERN STYLES

Down in the orchestra pit we find Coach Anthony Cormier directing the minstrel show at Lewiston. Mr. Cormier is employed in the box shop at the Bleachery. Mrs. Larochelle is accompanist with the Bates Bobcats, an orchestra composed entirely of Bates College men.

¶ May 11 is a day nobody should forget. In case you don't know what we are referring to, May 11 is "Mother's Day".

¶ The answer to a maiden's prayer is back on the third shift and he has been promoted. Of course, we mean Edward Jammeen, alias Happy Holiday.

¶ Ed Snow, the new Second Hand, is well liked by the help. You will always find him willing to lend a helping hand.

¶ Ed Dean claims he has everything Bob Taylor has with the exception of a contract and Barbara Stanwyck. He is inspector on the third shift. Ed will be married on April 19th.

¶ Bill Longstone, the bobbin cleaner, is money mad. From 10 P.M. to 5:30 A.M. he doesn't even stop to eat his lunch.

¶ Peter LePage, the winder on the 3d shift, belongs to the left handed club in the Flint section of the city. The rule of the club is anybody eating or drinking using their right hand are fined five cents and the dues are five cents. With what they collect, they intend to go to a ball game in Boston this summer. They have over 70 members.

¶ Bernie, the canteen man, resents being called Handsome, so please refrain from calling him that in the future.

SPINNING ROOM "B" MILL — Fall River

REPORTER: *Marion Dupuis.*

¶ We have great news for you folks! Yes, we wish to announce the approaching marriage of Mr. Oliver Robillard. Congratulations, Mr. Robillard, it's better late than never.

¶ We hope Mr. James Jennings enjoyed his chicken pie supper.

¶ Mrs. Alice Levesques was hostess at a party given for her daughter, Louise, on her 14th birthday. Louise received many pretty gifts, and a good time was enjoyed by everyone.

¶ We are sorry to hear that Mrs. Lavoie injured her ankle. We hope it gets well real soon.

¶ We welcome back on the first shift, Leo Dionne, rebeamer operator.

¶ The majority of girls came in with new permanent waves recently. Is it because of Spring, or because of the recent increase in your pay, girls?

¶ How do you like your new work, Olive? They say it's just a matter of getting used to it.

¶ The girls never miss the lunch cart. Better watch your diet a little closer, girls. You know the bathing season is creeping up on us.

MACHINE SHOP — Fall River

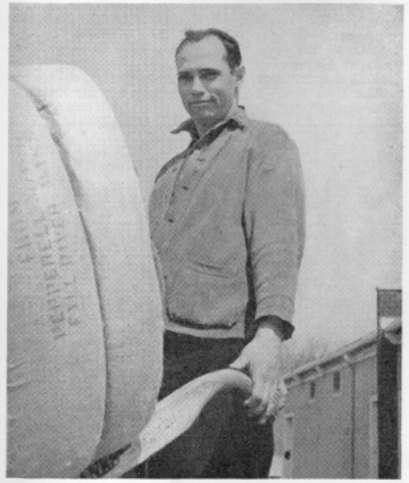
REPORTER: *Rudy Lepage.*

¶ A handsome and witty young man has come into our midst. He is none other than Ernest Walker, our new welder. The best of luck to you, Ernest.
¶ A strange but cheerful note crept over the machine shop last week. The mystery was soon solved, however, as soon as Harold Marston began talking about the bowling team. They finally took four from the Rayon Division.
¶ A near catastrophe occurred the other day when Tom Reid knocked himself half unconscious. He suffered a slight cut on top of his head. Upon having it treated, he came out of the clinic, sporting what the machinists thought was his Easter bonnet. A plaster decorated the top of his head.
¶ Spring fever seems to have hit Leo Brunelle these days. Noon times he can be found lazing around in the sunshine in the mill yard.
¶ Russell Harmon has completed another successful season on the local basketball courts. He played with some of the most prominent teams in Fall River, among which was the Sixteens, champions of the Boys' Club Senior League.
¶ Persons interested in the European situation can be well posted daily. Henry Dumas, our learned machinist, gives us the latest developments and first hand reports on the European World Series.

WEAVE ROOM MILL "B" — Fall River

REPORTER: *Phyllis LePage.*

¶ It looks as if the boys from Weaving B are going to win the Bowling cup for the highest three string score. The cup was donated by Fred Richards, our Club President.
¶ Lorraine Lord is working on the second floor again, and is glad to be back with all of her old friends.
¶ Mary Teves celebrated her sixteenth wedding anniversary and received a beautiful ruby ring from her husband.
¶ The big moment has finally arrived for Oscar Dupond. He was married on April 14th and all of his friends wish him the best of luck.



Loading a bale of marquisettes onto the Fall River Mill truck, Laurea Breton, driver, will take them to the freight house for shipment to customers. He has a fine three year old daughter Valaurea, and he's been with Pepperell for twelve years.

WHO'S WHO IN LEWISTON

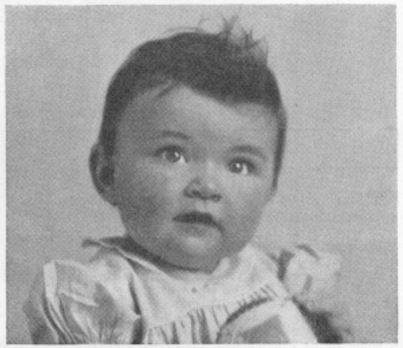
HARRY J. VAUGHN, *Lewiston Editor*

SHEET FACTORY — Lewiston

REPORTERS: *Blanche Sawyer and Olive Ward.*

¶ We hear that one of our sheet girls will middle aisle it May 24th. Is it true, Anita?
¶ Ask Iris how she likes three-decker sandwiches. Maybe not "Dagwood" style, she says, but made by one certain Jimmy and are much, much better.
¶ A few of us saw a very popular blonde in her new outfit. Purple sure is the thing this spring. She sure looked swell.
¶ Some of us wonder why Coca-Cola has become such a favorite drink these last few weeks. Could it be a certain six-footer with brown eyes?
¶ It looks as though we are going to lose "Nell" again this summer. It's back to Gurnet for the hot summer months. She wants all her friends to come down. Lobsters are swell, you know.
¶ All our girls on the swimming team are starting to play volley ball to finish out the season. Nice going girls. We'll just have to see you play soon.
¶ We are all very sorry to hear of John Crowley's illness, and sincerely hope he shall soon be well and back to work.
¶ Which of our sisters in the Sheet Room are on the outs? Tsh, tsh, now girls, is that nice? Be sports now and skip the whole thing.
¶ Does anyone know where Bernadette's dollar has gone? It if wasn't too, too commonplace we would be inclined to say it is just one more thing that has "Gone with the wind".
¶ Joe loves Good Friday. Wishes it would occur every week.
¶ If you use Al Baker well, you may have a ride in the "Merry Oldsmobile".
¶ We hear that Lil is going to take up bicycle (?) riding. Is that so Johnny?
¶ Bill Long has joined the ranks of the capitalists. If you don't believe us, take a look at that Buick.
¶ Think we will have to collect for our time on the Sheet, as the boss doesn't look very good natured at us just now.
¶ Rene Bernier is our second young man to join the ranks of Uncle Sam. Good luck to you, Rene.
¶ Bill Parkin writes home that he has been in places he likes more. We miss you, too, Bill.
¶ Emma Patry has gone gadding again. Does she believe in the slogan "See America first". Hope she does not cast her eyes on Europe until the atmosphere clears up.
¶ Welcome to our ranks, Maurice. We think we are going to like you better and better.
¶ Sorry we could not find anything to say about Peggy but will do better next time.

A ship model made by Gardner Whalon of the Fall River Mill.



Bunny Labbe is the nine months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Labbe. Her dad is employed in the White Folding Room at Lewiston.

CAN ROOM — Lewiston

REPORTER: *Bob Tiner.*

¶ Robert Cooper, the Can Room's ex-strong man, has gone high hat on us since he has been driving a 1928 farm wagon.
¶ Fulgence Robert, better known as "Floogie" who has done some fine photography work in the past has decided to do a little work in his spare time. If you have any pictures that you would like finished see Floogie for further information.
¶ "Snuffy" Smith bought himself a car, but he has to ask his girl friend when he wants to use it. That wouldn't be so bad, but he also has to tell her where he is going and when he's coming back.
¶ Flewelling, the village blacksmith, can demonstrate to you how to shoe a horse, if you would care to learn.
¶ If you are having any trouble planning your lunches, ask "Popeye Bissonnette" how he solves this problem.

Popeye's teeth and Johnny's hair
Omer's pigeons and Cooper's mare
Rolerson's ambition and Morin's stare
In Tiner's car, would get no where.

COLORED FINISHING ROOM — Lewiston

REPORTER: *John McKenna.*

¶ Harry Berry, who is a call man on the Auburn Fire Dept. has been kept pretty busy with grass fires lately.
¶ We all wish Rita loads of luck on her venture into matrimony. May her troubles all be little ones.
¶ Pete Michaud has reserved his seat at Cloutier's field for the baseball season.
¶ Helen Taylor has opened her high diving school at Taylor Pond.
¶ Carl Wood's car which was sold at public auction, brought a high bid of twenty dollars.
¶ Mary Giroux has been trying to reduce lately with a light lunch of one pint of milk, ¼ doz. bananas, two sandwiches and all the cookies she can eat.
¶ Red Parsons is in the ice cream business. If you don't believe it ask Pauline.
¶ Wanda O'Connell has moved to the outskirts of the city where the wind blows free.
¶ Ernest Frechette is finding it hard to borrow his father's car lately because he always returned it with the gas tank empty.

Big brother doing his share to help the camera man. Harold, Jr., age 5, and Donald, 14 months, are the children of Simone LeBreton, Draw Frame Tender in 23-B at Biddeford.

MACHINE SHOP — Lewiston

REPORTER: *Carl Proctor.*

¶ Jerry Coughlin is worried over the war. The supply of peanuts may be cut off.
¶ John McDonald is thinking of getting one of these sectional row boats. He claims if you go fishing and get to fighting you can divide up the boat and go off by yourself. If only they made an auto like that!
¶ Joe Bilodeau is recovering from a painful injury to his foot.
¶ Edwin Haskell is now employed at the shop. He hails from Mechanic Falls.
¶ The boss reports a lot of petty thievery at his cottage this winter. They took most everything but the view.
¶ Fred White has left to work at the Bath Iron Works.
¶ On the new work schedule "Red" Lemieux has to get up and come to work Monday morning. "Red" is up all right—burned up.
¶ We saw L. Long the other day overhauling his sucker equipment. We just can't stand these warm spring days.
¶ L. Lucier has been teaching his wife to drive with dire results to his constitution.
¶ Frank Landry reports that there is not much political activity right now. We had wondered why he looked so unhappy.

A visit to the Biddeford Dye House reveals Marlon Timberlake getting a blanket ready to be put in the Piece Dyeing Machine.

WHITE FINISHING ROOM — Lewiston

REPORTER: *Roland Lacombe.*

¶ We sometimes wonder who Dave Wise is working for, Johnny Simard or Jack Leahey.

¶ Say, Rose! We are very anxious to get a sample of your Graham Pie; we understand they are very delicious.

¶ Ann Palman must have been pretty cute in her Easter Bonnet. Bright Red and a bunch of Daisies with a gold ribbon on top. Ann claims that the daisies were picked on Riverside Drive, Auburn.

¶ Muriel had to buy two dresses for Easter to stop an argument. Sam likes Grey and Don likes Green.

¶ The Thibodeau sisters (the two quietest girls in the wash room) were quite chic at St. Peters Church on Easter Sunday.

¶ Stella Derzen claims there is nobody that can cook like Johnnie Turner. Ask her to tell you about his wonderful Bleachery sandwich.

¶ Wee Willie O'Kane and his buddy, Lucien Goyette (the candy kid) attended a smoker at Rowe's Corner Grange Hall. They claim the scenery was beautiful.

¶ The 1941 Oldsmobile seems to be quite the car for Florence Guay. This is the only way she will learn to drive without breaking people's necks and stripping the gears.

¶ Eddie Vaughn must have had a time at Togue the other night. He says the Hotel North is quite a place.

¶ We never thought we would see a gentleman like Mr. Howard Groves in the 5 and 10 cent stores.

¶ Don't tire yourself out doing spring cleaning this year. Help a poor fellow out by letting Johnny Turner do it, 40 cents an hour.

¶ Louis Gastonguay is a proud father these days. His two daughters are graduating from Lewiston High School this June.

¶ If you see Wilfred "Babe" Nadeau doing handsprings some of these days, don't be surprised. He's been eating pop corn every day for at least a week now.

¶ We sincerely hope that Mary Korytko will enjoy every minute of her three month's vacation. Mary has been with the Pepperell since 1914 and her great disposition and fine spirit of co-operation has won her a host of friends.

DYE HOUSE — Lewiston

REPORTER: *Thos. Cunningham.*

¶ The boys of the Dye House would like to know what branch of the United States Army George Hart served in. We would say it must have been the Cavalry.

Joseph Ricardo, slasher helper in Fall River, points to the Dirks control on the slasher which controls yarn moisture—one of the first controls of its kind used by any mill in the country. He's been with Pepperell for five years, and has a bright young daughter, Ruth, 14 months old.

A three-wheel speedster, Armand Grenier, 4, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Grenier. Mrs. Grenier is an inspector in the Sheeting Cloth Room at Biddeford.

¶ A. Frechette has opened up a Super Market near his home on the Lisbon Road.

¶ Jack Bilodeau has made application for the Champion Liar's Club.

¶ Around the lockers in the morning all one hears is War gossip.

¶ Frank Spivey claims that the British Army will be heard from soon in the Greek-Slav campaign.

¶ Tony Ward is inquiring from some of the boys how much it will cost to set up housekeeping. It looks as though Tony is going to take the "plunge".

NAPPING ROOM NO. 2 — Lewiston

REPORTER: *Charles Vaillancourt.*

¶ We have a song bird in our department. Every time he starts roaring it sounds like Hitler's bombs dropping into space.

¶ There is a new employee in our department. His name is Ernest Willy Nadeau. Oh yes they call him "Cuch" for short. Is he a fancy dresser? ("WOW")

¶ For a while Andrew thought that he would need extra thumbs. Andrew claims that hitch hiking is a cinch! He comes down faster that way than with his own car.

¶ Spring in bloom! Ooops! Sorry, it's just Alcide Binette sampling off some of his perfume ("Stinks pretty, Al").

¶ Roger Turcotte, our gentleman farmer, has acquired himself a motorcycle with a sense of inferiority complex. Every time he shows it off it won't start.

¶ Always getting into trouble. Edger Morin has purchased himself a pair of spectacles. Now he claims he doesn't have to go so near to see.

"They shall not pass" says Bob Ayotte, one of the most popular boys at the camp. All the boys get several hours a day training on rifles.

GREY ROOM — Lewiston

REPORTER: *Joe Gorman.*

¶ Fred Woodcock and Olivier Dubois, the mainstays of the Grey-Wash room softball team, have challenged the St. Doms to a five games series.
¶ Al Gowell, star outfielder of the team, is ready to play but he hopes they make the ball bigger and softer this year.
¶ Mrs. Jane Gaudette and family should be taking a trip to Canada pretty soon now that warm weather is here.
¶ Jim Garneau is the earliest man to work in the morning. Anytime after 5.30 A.M. you can see him smoking his pipe in front of the plant.
¶ If our Lewiston Division had a debating team, Albert Renaud and Charlie Sabalanckas would surely make the team. They argue steady about European affairs.
¶ Ida Vaillancourt received a seven page letter from her boy friend who is at Camp Wheeler in Georgia. He must be writing a book about Army life and sending it to her on the installment plan.
¶ Howard Call and Fred Huntress will be able to do some real fishing now that warm weather is here. Callie claims he can "ketch" more and bigger fish than Fred. What's your story Fred?

NAPPING ROOM NO. 1 — Lewiston

REPORTERS: *Bill Judson and Clarence Meservey*

¶ Stanley Smith is planning to tour Maine in his new car this year. He does not plan to visit Bath, however.
¶ Pomerleau is in great demand as a carpenter these days. He is working in his spare time at Joe Olivier's residence, after which he will remodel Jack Wade's hot dog stand.
¶ We wonder if a nearby summer resort will reopen this year as most of their help in the persons of A. Michaud, F. Butler and F. Cox are now employed in the napping room.
¶ Dumais is thinking of buying stock in the Coca-Cola Co. after watching J. Poulin down all those cokes.
¶ O. Truchon has invited Lawrence Rhoades to help him with the spring ploughing. Rhoades claims he can improve on the cultivation of a part of the farm.
¶ F. Butler gave a demonstration of the "Irish Whip" to the boys recently.
¶ Joe Olivier spent a week end in Danville recently. Joe's heart is divided between Thornes Corner and Danville.
¶ "Junior" Paquette hasn't been seen eating his onion sandwich lately, much to the relief of his fellow workmen.
¶ "Don" Brennan claims that he is not going to have his hair cut on Saturday morning anymore. The barbers are too slow at that time he says.

Joseph Labbe, of the Carpenter Shop, is working on the 35 new trucks for the sheeting cloth room in Biddeford. He is cutting the stock on one of the circular saws in the Carpenter Shop.

¶ The one and only, Leo Eshuk, tells us that the attractions at one of our local hospitals are above par which is not hard to believe as Leo's heart throb is a cute little nurse.
¶ We hear that J. Bouchard is altar bound. Is that right, Sheik?
¶ Don Dutil still has hopes that his watch will keep the correct time. He does not trust the 6.45 horn.
¶ What has happened to the "Shadow"? We don't hear much from him.

STOREHOUSE — Lewiston

REPORTER: *Gerald Flynn*

¶ Caleb William "BILL" Long, the *Minot Minute Man*, is remodeling his homestead at Minot. Bill intends to do most of the paper hanging and painting himself—with the help of the *"little woman"*.
¶ Bill "Foghorn" Lacombe has expectations of receiving an audition from the local Orpheon. "Bill can surely hit C Flat".
¶ Wally Finn "the handsome one" plans to open his summer cottage at Bear Pond early this year so as to accommodate his many guests.
¶ Walter Fougemie, the Madawaska bear cat, claims that the war across will have no effect on potato prices in his home town.

Here is a fine family group, all grandchildren of Edward Desmarais, who has been employed at Pepperell for 63 years. Front row is Arthur, Jr., Theresa, Andrew, Mrs. Arthur Desmarais (employed in 24-B), Arthur and Muriel. Back row, Madeline (employed in Blanket Cloth Room), Mrs. Rita Forrest (Doffer in room 15-5), Mrs. Pauline Landry (also in 15-5), Mrs. Laurette Bergeron (employed in room 13-2), and Paul (employed in 15-5).

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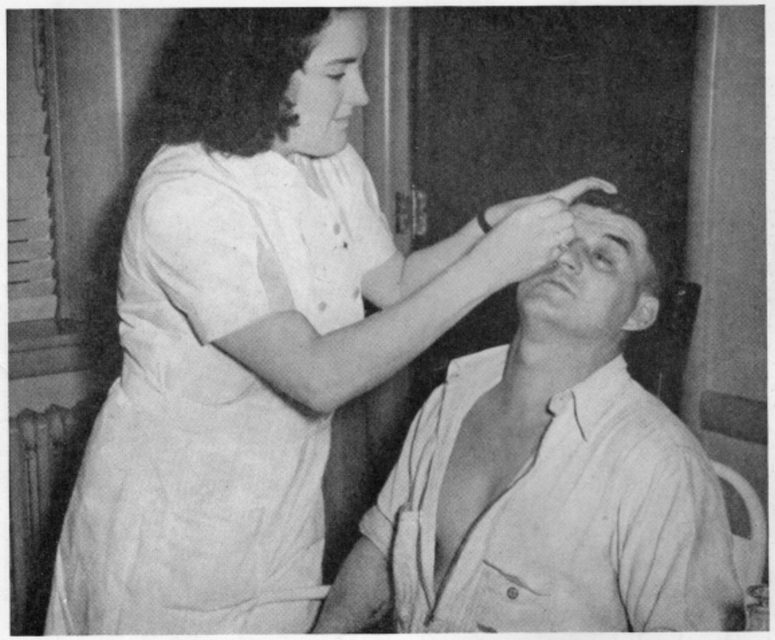

Origenne Bolduc was working on the acid machine in Lewiston when a steam valve burst and sprayed his face and chest with live steam. Within five minutes, Miss Beatrice Cloutier, nurse in the Lewiston clinic, was on the spot to look him over. He went back to the clinic, had drops put in his eyes, and got a general check up from Miss Cloutier, who is a graduate of St. Mary's hospital in Lewiston.

The way the clinic worked in this case is typical of how it works in hundreds of other cases. When you need the clinic it's always ready. Play your part and when you need help, however small, go to the clinic, and get the attention required. The clinics in Fall River, Biddeford and Lewiston are all staffed with experienced and skillful nurses and doctors, and they are at your service.